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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Richard Niccolai  
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HEARING AID

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**AMENDMENT E**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office action dated April 15, 2005. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on July 15, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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